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Inmate Death at FMC Devens

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, January 5, 2021, inmate Charles McRae tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Devens in Ayer, Massachusetts, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, while receiving dialysis, he had a seizure and became unresponsive. Staff immediately began life-saving efforts and requested Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Life-saving efforts continued during transport to a local hospital by EMS. Subsequently, Mr. McRae, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by EMS personnel.

Mr. McRae was a 69-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Columbia to a 38-year sentence for Felony Murder While Armed, Burglary One While Armed, Attempted to Commit Robbery While Armed, Assault with Intent to Commit Robbery While Armed, and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon. He had been in custody at FMC Devens since August 9, 2019.

FMC Devens is an administrative security facility that currently houses 741 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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